

Introduced by Senators Price and Liu

February 21, 2013

An act to add Section 52052.7 to the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 432, as introduced, Price. School accountability: advisory committee: creativity index.

The Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999 requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop an Academic Performance Index (API) to measure the performance of schools and the academic performance of pupils. Existing law requires the Superintendent to establish an advisory committee to advise the Superintendent and the State Board of Education on all appropriate matters relating to the creation of the API and the implementation of an accountability system.

This bill would require the advisory committee to develop a public measurement, or index, of activities in public school classrooms that foster creativity, innovation, and problem solving, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52052.7 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 52052.7. The advisory committee established pursuant to
- 4 Section 52052.5 shall develop a public measurement of activities
- 5 in public school classrooms that foster creativity, innovation, and

1 problem solving. The public measurement, or index, shall be
2 developed in consultation with California employers in innovative
3 industries and businesses, including, but not limited to, science,
4 technology, mathematics, engineering, and arts education. The
5 advisory committee shall also consult with California educators
6 and with career technical education experts to identify best
7 classroom practices and activities to develop creative skills in
8 pupils. In developing the index, the advisory committee shall seek
9 to encourage the development of broadly applicable creative skills,
10 in addition to knowledge, to give pupils and businesses the ability
11 to succeed in a competitive global economy.